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Jennifer Ayers joined the Department of Commerce on January, 20, 1998 as a Budget Analyst and is currently the Director of the Office of the Secretary, Office of Financial Management (OSFM). OSFM provides budgetary and financial management services for the Office of the Secretary. Ms. Ayers has worked in budget formulation and execution at all levels and has managed the Department's Working Capital Fund (WCF). The Department's WCF finances department-wide administrative functions that are more efficiently and economically performed on a centralized basis. During her time at Commerce she has aggressively pursued the restructuring of the WCF from accruals to obligations, has changed the billing practices, and explored new and better methods to employ costing to the WCF. She started working groups and algorithm reviews to provide transparency throughout the department. She has provided significant changes that have transformed the way the Working Capital Fund operates and her efforts earned her Manager of the Year for the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration offices in FY 2008. She currently chairs the Government-wide Working Capital Fund group sponsored by the National Academy of Public Administrators and Grant Thornton and was part of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) working group to set policy on operating reserves.

Prior to joining the Department of Commerce, Ms. Ayers worked for the U.S. Air Force and the Office of Personnel Management. Ms. Ayers also accompanied her family for 5 years on an overseas tour in Greece.

Ms. Ayers holds a B.S. in Food Science from the University of Maryland and a Masters of Business Administration in Management. She is married, has two children and resides in Edgewater, MD.